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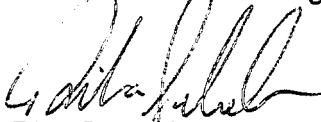
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## **BWT acquires Benchem**

### **BWT – Best Water Technology, European leader in water treatment, acquires Benchem (Belgium)**

BWT is further expanding its market leadership in the area of water treatment. BWT's growth strategy defines 3 targets: Growth through innovation, growth through geographic expansion, and growth in existing markets with existing technologies.

The acquisition of Benchem follows this strategy. Benchem specialises on the development and production of substances for the treatment of boiler feed water, cooling water, and water for airconditioning. In 2003, a team of 6 employees achieved sales of 1,1 million €. The product ranges of BWT and Benchem are ideally complementing each other: BWT is now able to offer an even more comprehensive range of products and solutions in water treatment and is therefore able to further strengthen its leading position in this rapidly growing market.

### **BWT's product range**

BWT Best Water Technology is the leading European water technology group with 67 companies and 2,700 employees. BWT devotes its efforts to the entire water cycle, "from source back to earth". With its two business segments Aqua Ecolife Technologies and Aqua Systems Technologies, the Group offers customised, sustainable products and solutions in the areas of drinking water, swimming pool water, process water, ultra-pure water, and waste water for individual homes, hotels, industry, and municipalities.

All technologies for water treatment are part of the BWT product range, including filter, softener, water purifier, disinfection technologies such as UV and ozone, along with ion-selective membranes, electrical desalination plants, ion exchangers, and membrane technologies (reverse osmosis, nano-filtration, micro-filtration, ultra-filtration). In addition, BWT is well positioned as a premier supplier of innovative membranes for fuel cells.

With its 3 business segments Aqua Ecolife Technologies (AET), Aqua Systems Technologies (AST), and Fuel Cell Membrane Technologies (FCMT), BWT today has a global presence. The Group's renowned brands include BWT, Christ, Permo, Cillit, HOH, and fumatech.

BWT is listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange. For the financial year 2003, sales were at 416 Mio €, in the first half year of 2004 the Group's sales were at 243 Mio €.

*More information on BWT: [www.bwt-group.com](http://www.bwt-group.com).*

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